TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 2nd August, 1923.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, at Eleven-thirty of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner: –

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Surgical Operations in the General Hospital.

19. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons now performing surgical operations in the General Hospital ?

(*b*) Has it been brought to the notice of Government that, in the present administration of the General Hospital, the appointment of young doctors having the requisite special knowledge, training and skill in surgical operations is absolutely necessary ?

(*c*) Are Government aware of the fact that many patients resort to the General Hospita for undergoing surgical operations, but are obliged to return for the reason that that work is not entrusted to qualified doctors ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Surgeon S. T. Ponnuswamy Pillai, Deputy Surgeon K. P. Raman Pillai and Assistant Surgeon S. Sivathanu Pillai.

(*b* The present administration, equipment and staff of the General Hospital do not call for any change with regard to surgical operations.

(*c*) Government have no such information. There are no unqualified doctors attached to the General Hospital.

Subscriptions for a Memorial to the Sanitary Commissioner.

20. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) :(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware whether,

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[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

before Mr. Krishnamurti Aiyar, Sanitary Commissioner, was deputed for census work, any one collected subscriptions from his subordinates for a memorial in his name ?

(*b*) Was the permission of the Government asked for or obtained in that matter ?

(*c*) What was the amount collected for the purpose from the subordinates of that department ?

(*d*) Will the Government severely punish those who are concerned in the matter, in case the money was collected without obtaining the permission of Government ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these questions do not arise.

Circuit work of the Sanitary Commissioner.

21. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the present Sanitary Commissioner has gone on circuit to either the Devicolam Division or adjoining places since his reversion as Sanitary Commissioner ; and

(*b*) whether he has gone to any place on circuit since his reversion as Sanitary Commissioner ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Ganja and Opium Stores.

22. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any stock-taking of the ganja and opium stores in the Excise Commissioner's Office during the last three years ?

(*b*) If the answer is in the negative, will they be pleased to state whether they will depute a competent Secretary from the Huzur Office to do the same without delay ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Stock-taking has been done regularly every month during the last three years.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), no answer is called for.

Excise Circle with the Largest Customs Revenue

23. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state which Excise Circle is it that brings in the largest amount of customs revenue ?

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